AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 6. (Canceled).

- 7. (Currently Amended) An ignition coil of an ignition system in an internal combustion engine, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a magnetically active core;
 - a first coil winding connected to a supply voltage;
 - a second coil winding connected to a high-voltage terminal; and
- at least one electrically conductive component having, at least in some areas, an arrangement for an electrically effective evening out of its surface, <u>wherein</u> the arrangement having at least one edge adjoins the housing by a smooth surface.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil according to claim 7, wherein the arrangement is formed by an electrically conductive sheathing which has a smooth surface.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil according to claim 8, wherein the sheathing is a layer of electrically conductive plastic.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil according to claim 8, wherein the sheathing is extruded.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil according to claim 7, wherein the electrically conductive component is the magnetically active core.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil according to claim 7, wherein the electrically conductive component is a peripheral core of a compact ignition coil.
- 13. (Previously Presented) An ignition coil of an ignition system of an internal combustion engine, comprising;
 - a housing;
- a magnetically active inner core, which is surrounded by a primary winding and a secondary winding; and

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a magnetically active outer core;

wherein at least the inner core, the primary winding and the secondary winding being surrounded by a cast resin for fixing in the housing,

wherein the inner core is surrounded by a first electrically conductive plastic covering the inner core on a side facing the primary winding, and the outer core is surrounded by a second electrically conductive plastic covering the outer core on a side facing the secondary winding; and

wherein the plastic covering is sprayed onto the inner core and the outer core as a coating.

- 14. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil of claim 13, wherein the thickness of each of the first and second plastic coverings is between 0.1 and 1.0 mm, preferably 0.5 mm.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil of claim 13, wherein the first plastic covering has a smooth surface on the side facing the primary winding and the second plastic covering has a smooth surface on the side facing the secondary winding.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The ignition coil of claim 13, wherein the inner core and the outer core are each made up of a core stack having a plurality of punched single sheets.
- 17. (New) The ignition coil according to claim 7, wherein the sheathing is provided with radii in corners of the magnetically active core.
- 18. (New) The ignition coil of claim 13, wherein the second electrically conductive plastic adjoins the housing by a smooth surface.

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